Special cells for fraudulent companies

†740. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special cell has been constituted to investigate such companies who have duped the hard earned maney of small investors;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this special cell has started investigation of such companies who have duped the money of investors and have vanished; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Smuggling of old status and artefacts from Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh

741. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been substantial increase in the smuggling of old status and artefacts from various parts of country particularly Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to curb and also to ensure the safety of such places of archaeological importance?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no substantial increase in the smuggling of old statutes and artefacts from any part of India. In case of Maharashtra, no such theft has been reported in the recent past in Chhattisgarh, two theft have occurred, one in June, 2003 and another in October, 2005. But in both the cases the sculptures are recovered.

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